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The Honorable Robert E. Andrews
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Dear Congressman Andrews:

Thank you for your letter of November 26, 1996, on behalf of your constituent, Mr. Anthony J. Gresko, Chief, Pitman Fire Company, Number One, Pitman, New Jersey. Mr. Gresko expresses his concerns regarding the possible effect on emergency services communications as a result of the Commission's recent proposal that establishes tentative policies for developing the initial digital television (DTV) channel allotments. Mr. Gresko objects to any proposal to assign channel 21 to the television station currently licensed to Vineland, New Jersey, on channel 65. Your constituent states that this may result in interference to public safety radio services in Gloucester County, New Jersey on channel 20 and cause economic harm due to the expense involved in changing its emergency radios to new frequencies.

On July 25, 1996, the Commission proposed policies for allotting channels for DTV service and also provided a draft DTV Table of Allotments. (See Six Further Notice of Proposed Rule Making in MM Docket No. 87-268, FCC No. 96-317, released August 14, 1996). In that action, the Commission proposed to provide all existing television broadcasters with a second 6 MHz channel for digital broadcasting. The Commission's plan for allotment of DTV channels would maintain the channels currently used for land mobile operations in a number of major markets, including channels 19 and 20 in the Philadelphia and adjacent New Jersey region. While our draft DTV Table would provide for use of channel 21 in Vineland, New Jersey and channel 18 in Secaucus, New Jersey, we believe that engineering solutions are available for avoiding interference between DTV and land mobile operations on adjacent frequencies. At the same time, we understand the potential for interference between existing land mobile services and new DTV operations in the Philadelphia/New Jersey region. Please be assured that we are carefully evaluating all available alternatives for maintaining the interests of land mobile operators as well as broadcasters as we develop the DTV Table of Allotments.

We will also include a copy of your letter in MM Docket No. 87-268. Thank you again for your interest in this matter.

Sincerely,

Richard M. Smith
Chief

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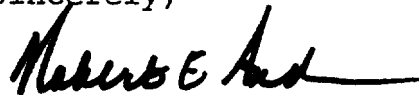
Dear Ms. Solheim:

I write to you on behalf of Mr. Anthony J. Gresko, Chief, Pitman Fire Company, Number One, #1 Commerce Ave., Pitman, NJ 08071, who has contacted my office for assistance. Enclosed please find correspondence regarding their opposition to the proposal to assign a second television channel to each existing television station because of possible interference with emergency radio traffic.

I would appreciate if you would afford the Pitman Fire Company all due consideration under the law in their efforts. In addition I would be interested in receiving your review and reply to this correspondence so that I may advise them accordingly.

Please forward your response to the attention of my aide, Ms. Susan Gronek, at 506A White Horse Pike, Haddon Heights, NJ 08035, (609) 546-5100, Fax: (609) 546-9529. Thank you in advance for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,



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Re: Advanced Television Systems
MM Docket No. 87-268
and their impact upon the
Existing Television Broadcast Services

Dear Chairman Hundt,

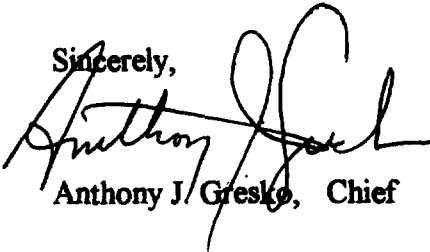
I am writing on behalf of Pitman Fire Company Number One to voice this Organizations strong disapproval of the proposal to assign a second TV Channel to each existing TV Station.

We, as a Public Safety Organization, adamantly oppose any use of the 500 Megahertz frequency which may interfere with our emergency radio traffic. Our radio frequencies are used on a daily basis for services that are critical to the health and safety of our residents. Any other use, or any outside interference to these frequencies are completely unacceptable.

The Borough of Pitman, as well as many other municipalities in Gloucester County, has, within the last five years, spent many thousands of Taxpayer dollars on the upgrading of our radio equipment to the 500 MH frequency. These upgrades effected Fire Departments, Police Departments, and Emergency Medical Departments in our Municipality. We feel that your proposal on Docket number MM 87-268 will severely disrupt our communications system and burden our Municipality with further unnecessary expenditures.

We hope that you will reconsider the use of the 500 MH frequencies, and research a more practical way of instituting your changes without interference to any type of Emergency Services Communications.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Anthony J. Gresko". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, stylized "A" and "G".

Anthony J. Gresko, Chief

cc: Mayor of Pitman
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